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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Additional Designations, Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury 's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of three individuals whose property and interests in property have been blocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act ("Kingpin Act") (21 U.S.C. §§ 1901-1908, 8 U.S.C. § 1182).

DATES: The designation by the Director of OFAC of the three individuals identified in this notice pursuant to section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act is effective on January 10, 2012.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's Web site at <http://www.treasury.gov/ofac> or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service at (202) 622-0077.

Background

The Kingpin Act became law on December 3, 1999. The Kingpin Act establishes a program targeting the activities of significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis. It provides a statutory framework for the imposition of sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis, with the objective of denying their businesses and agents access to the U.S. financial system and the benefits of trade and transactions involving U.S. companies and individuals.

The Kingpin Act blocks all property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, owned or controlled by

significant foreign narcotics traffickers as identified by the President. In addition, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Homeland Security may designate and block the property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, of persons who are found to be: (1) materially assisting in, or providing financial or technological support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; (2) owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; or (3) playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking.

On January 10, 2012, the Director of OFAC designated the following three individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to section 805(b) of the Kingpin Act.

1. ALVAREZ ZEPEDA, Oscar, Avenida Francisco Solis No. 30-B, Colonia Vicente Lombardo Toledano, Culiacan, Sinaloa C.P. 80010, Mexico; Boulevard Universitarios No. 789, Local 4,

Colonia Villa Universidad, Culiacan, Sinaloa C.P. 80010, Mexico; Localidad San Jose del Barranco S/N, Badiraguato, Sinaloa C.P. 80500, Mexico; DOB 15 Sep 1979; POB Badiraguato, Sinaloa, Mexico; C.U.R.P. AAZO790915HSLLP09 (Mexico) R.F.C. AAZO790915AL6 (Mexico) (INDIVIDUAL) [SDNTK]

2. TORRES HOYOS, Carlos Mario, Calle 48D No. 99-35, Medellin, Colombia; DOB 11 Aug 1976; POB Cauca, Antioquia, Colombia; Cedula No. 71763915 (Colombia) (INDIVIDUAL) [SDNTK]

3. VALDEZ BENITES, Joel, Avenida Mar Baltico No. 944, Colonia Lombardo Toledano, Culiacan, Sinaloa C.P. 80010, Mexico; DOB 20 Apr 1972; POB Badiraguato, Sinaloa, Mexico; C.U.R.P. VABJ720420HSLNL00 (Mexico) Passport G04809091 (Mexico) (INDIVIDUAL) [SDNTK]

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